

**NASF Resolution No. 2009-2:** Intertribal Timber Council Affirmation Statement**ORIGIN OF RESOLUTION:** NASF Native American Relations Liaison Committee**ISSUE OF CONCERN:** Supporting an *Intertribal Timber Council-National Association of State Foresters Affirmation Statement* to establish formal collaboration between organizations**BACKGROUND:** The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) and the National Association of State Foresters (NASF) are dedicated to maintaining healthy working forests that provide revenues, employment, forest-based products, and environmental services for state, tribal, and regional communities and the nation as a whole. The capacity to substantively influence the development of national, regional, tribal, and state policies and programs that affect management of forests and trees would be greatly enhanced by the establishment of close working relationships and candid sharing of perspectives on issue and concerns between ITC and NASF.**RESOLUTION:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that National Association of State Foresters support the *Intertribal Timber Council-National Association of State Foresters Affirmation Statement* (See Appendix B) and agree to establish a Joint Coordination Committee with the Intertribal Timber Council for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging communication and cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NASF Native American Relations Committee Chairman and ITC Technical Specialist will serve as the primary contacts and recruit members from their respective organizations.

NASF ACTION:

(x) Approved

DATE OF ACTION:

September 23, 2009



MEMBER TRIBES

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Alabama - Coushatta Indian Tribe of Texas
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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
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Mississippi Band of Choctaw
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July 1, 2009

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Dear Mr. Blazer:

On behalf of the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC), I would like to express our organization's support for the collaboration with the National Association of State Foresters as reflected in the enclosed affirmation statement.

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) is a nation-wide consortium of Indian tribes and Alaska Native corporations dedicated to improving the management of forest-related natural resources of importance to the Native American communities. The ITC works cooperatively with our member tribes, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), other federal agencies, private industry, and academia to explore issues and identify practical strategies and initiatives to promote social, economic and ecological values while protecting and utilizing forest, soil, water, and wildlife. Over sixty tribes and Alaska Native corporations currently belong to the ITC.

Indian tribes have long been stewards of the land and look forward to working with your organization on a national, state and local level. Good stewardship requires good stewards, something both organizations bring to the table. We look to working closely with NASF in addressing common issues and concerns to develop national strategies to resolve resource management concerns.

We look forward to a strong and lasting relationship.

Sincerely,

Nolan C. Colegrove, Sr.
President

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Intertribal Timber Council – National Association of State Foresters
Affirmation Statement

The Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) and National Association of State Foresters (NASF) are dedicated to maintaining healthy, working forests that provide revenues, employment, forest based products, recreation, and environmental services for state, tribal, and regional communities and the nation as a whole. The capacity to substantively influence the development of national, regional, tribal, and state policies and programs that affect management of forests and woodlands would be greatly enhanced by the establishment of close working relationships and candid sharing of perspectives on issues and concerns between the ITC and NASF.

Therefore, the ITC and NASF agree to establish a Joint Coordinating Committee for the purpose of facilitating and encouraging communication and cooperation. NASF and ITC will appoint their respective members to the Coordination Committee. The NASF Tribal Committee Chairman and the ITC Technical Specialist, will serve as the primary contact points for NASF and ITC, respectively.

The Coordinating Committee will serve as the primary means through which the ITC and NASF develop and implement strategies to strengthen communication and coordination between the two organizations. It is anticipated that such strategies will utilize a variety of approaches, including, but not limited to:

- Providing a place on the agenda of each organization's annual meeting to share perspectives on issues of common interest
- Providing an opportunity to participate in the development of positions, policies, and initiatives that affect forest and woodland management
- Developing and supporting a cohesive and comprehensive approach for identifying needs and priorities for improving the health and management of forests and woodlands
- Exchanging lists of key contacts within state and tribal organizations involved in forest and woodland management
- Posting key meetings on organizational calendars
- Participating in organizational committees as issues warrant
- Sharing of newsletters and e-mail alerts
- Providing links to the internet websites of each organization

Topics to help focus initial deliberations by the Coordinating Committee include:

- Processes to ensure that tribal perspectives are considered in the preparation of State Assessments under the Farm Bill and other Federal programs administered by State Foresters
- Mechanisms for developing policies that strengthen the role of forests in carbon sequestration and enhance opportunities for marketing environmental credits
- Supporting pilot project(s) for "Anchor Forests" as example of maintaining working forests.